

Protecting Our Nation's Ocean Resources

2003–2004 Marine Art Contest Grades K–1 2

Deadline: April 30, 2004

The nation has designated certain areas along the coast as Marine Protected Areas, a group of sites that includes our National Marine Sanctuaries. One of these sites is located just off the Massachusetts coast -- the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. Why do we consider these ocean areas important? What resources do they hold? How should we manage them? Will sanctuaries and other types of marine protected areas be able to safeguard the variety of habitats and species in the oceans for future generations? Students have the opportunity to express their concerns and interests in the marine world through their art in this open competition for all grades. Make a splash in this marine art odyssey of discovery!

- **ATTENTION: Art Teachers, Marine Science and Biology Teachers, After School Leaders, Home School Instructors**
- **No Entry Fees -- All student artwork welcome**
- **Judging in 5 Divisions -- K–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–1 2, and an open (K–1 2) Scientific Illustration Division**
- **Sponsored by: Massachusetts Marine Educators
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
New England Aquarium**

TOPIC:

Students may select a particular sanctuary or other marine protected area. A focus on local resources or issues is preferred although all materials will be judged on an equal basis. Students may wish to focus on management of endangered species, research in the oceans, ocean management, resources from the sea, or any other applicable topic. The marine protected area may be a National Marine Sanctuary (such as Stellwagen Bank NMS, which is located off the Massachusetts coast), a fishery closure area, or the marine component of a National Park..

GENERAL INFORMATION:

There will be five divisions in the contest — grades K-2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12 and an open scientific illustration division with a winner, second and third place selected from each division. First place artists in each of the age divisions will receive four New England Aquarium passes each. Second and third place winners will receive two aquarium passes. A BEST OF SHOW Award (selected from all the division winners) will receive four New England Aquarium Behind-the-Scenes Tour passes and a signed poster from renowned marine artist Robert Lyn Nelson. The teacher of the winning entrant will receive a one year membership to the Massachusetts Marine Educators and a copy of the Robert Lyn Nelson poster. Winning entries will be posted on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary website (<http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>). Entry deadline is April 30, 2004.

General Requirements:

- The posters should be between 8.5" x 11" and 18" x 24".
- Use white, non-glossy paper, please do not laminate.
- Teachers may send in as many posters as they like, but we do request that some selective screening be attempted first. (Let us know how many students took part in the project even if all of their posters are not sent.)
- Label each entry on the back with student's name and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, address and telephone number.
- Students may use any medium including markers, paints, pastels, colored pencils, pen and ink, pencil, collage — Please do not send any collages using sand or other fine-grained substance. Students may use any technique including fish printing or computer graphics.
- Please indicate on the back the subject depicted in the artwork (specific marine protected area, marine activity or species).

Grades K–2 Requirements:

Students are to create a poster that relates to this year's theme. Students should include on the back of the poster a slogan or short statement about their poster's subject.

Grades 3–5 and Grades 6–8 and 9–12 (judged separately):

Students are to create a poster/artwork that will relate to this year's theme. The student must include on the back of the poster (or attach a separate sheet of paper) with information about the art — what marine protected area issue is illustrated, what creatures are pictured (common and scientific names), and the role these creatures fill in the marine protected area, and a short statement about the student's vision for the future of our oceans. Please be concise and neat. (Be sure that lettering does not show through the illustration; a separate but attached sheet is preferred.)

PRIZES:

- **BEST OF SHOW AWARD:** A plaque with the student's name will be presented to the school. The student will receive four New England Aquarium Behind-the-Scenes Tour passes and a signed poster from renowned marine artist Robert Lyn Nelson. The grand prize-winning student's teacher will receive a one year membership to the Massachusetts Marine Educators Association and a copy of the Robert Lyn Nelson poster.
- **First place (all age divisions):** Students will receive a certificate and four New England Aquarium one-day passes.
- **Second Place (at least one per division):** A certificate and two one-day passes to the New England Aquarium will be given to the winners.
- **Third Place (at least one per division):** A certificate and two one-day passes to the New England Aquarium will be given to the winners.
- **Honorable Mention:** A certificate will be sent to each honorable mention winner.

All winning artwork will be displayed on the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary web page located at: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov> (visit the site to see the 2002-2003 winners).

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on creativity, factual accuracy, artistic presentation, neatness, and relevance to the theme. Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 will be judged separately. Judges for the contest include: internationally-recognized marine artist Robert Lyn Nelson, Massachusetts artist and illustrator Dave Blanchette, commercial artist and graphic designer Dennis Huston, naturalist and educator Richard Wheeler, author of "A Field Guide to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary" Nathalie Ward, and SBNMS Education Coordinator Anne Smrcina We're sorry, but entries cannot be returned.

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SEND ENTRIES TO:

MME Poster Contest
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary
175 Edward Foster Road
Scituate, MA 02066

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION about marine protected areas, marine resources, and conservation issues:

National Marine Sanctuaries, including Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary:

781-545-8026, fax 781-545-8036; web sites: <http://www.sanctuaries.nos.noaa.gov> and <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>

Marine Protected Areas: <http://www.mpa.gov>

New England Aquarium's Teacher Resource Center: 617-973-6590, web: <http://www.neaq.org>

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